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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following instances of violations by Iraq of the terms of the ceasefire between the two countries.

1. On 29 December 1997, at 0800 hours, Iranian forces intercepted a number of armed Iraqi smugglers who had infiltrated into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5700048000 on the map of the area west of Jofeir-2. As a result of the clash, an Iranian soldier was martyred and four smugglers were killed or injured. The rest of them fled back into Iraqi territory.

2. On 2 January 1997, at 1100 hours, an Iraqi loader was observed repairing embankments on the river bank at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5560039500 on the map of Sumar, south of Mian-Tang-Dara, east of border pillar 40/5, opposite border pillar 41.

3. On 2 January 1997, at 1500 hours, three Iraqi military trucks were observed at the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5500073000 on the map of the area south of Hoor Al-Hovaiza, south of border pillar 14B, in no man's land.

4. On 2 January 1997, at 1600 hours, five armed Iraqis infiltrated one kilometre into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran near Nasrian sentry post in the Dehloran area. After tying up local shepherds, the Iraqis stole 150 sheep and took them into Iraqi territory.

5. On 5 January 1997, at 1000 hours, an Iraqi mechanical shovel was observed at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 6400022000 on the map of Kani-Shiekh, south of Lajma, Iraq and south-east of border pillar 39/2.

6. On 5 January 1997, at 1000 hours, eight anti-revolutionary elements crossed the border and entered the village of Najna-Bala, in Bana district. They left the area after having threatened and extorted the villagers.

7. On 5 January 1997, an Iranian fishing dhow, with 10 crew members and sailors aboard, was seized in Khor-Abdollah by Iraqi sea patrols and taken into Iraqi territory.

8. On 7 January 1997, at 1000 hours, 10 Iraqis were observed repairing an electric pillar at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 3770062000 on the map of Naft-Sahr-Jonoobi, north of border pillar 46, opposite the Iranian seh-Tapan sentry post.

9. On 8 January 1997, at 0100 hours, the Iranian boundary police intercepted two Iraqis at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 710024000 on the map of Ghala, around Tangeh-Hammam, east of Sar-Pol-Zohab, north-east and north of border pillars 60, 60/1, and 60/2. As a result of the clash, one of the intruders was arrested and taken to Polmahi hospital. The others fled back into Iraqi territory.

10. On 9 January 1997, 37 Iraqi motor boats and 15 dhows and tugboats, carrying 100 individuals, were observed patrolling in the Arvand Rud.

11. On 9 January 1997, five Iraqi soldiers aboard two boats were observed patrolling in the Arvand Rud at the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 5000040000 on the map of Khosro Abad, in no man's land, opposite Khosro Abad in the Islamic Republic of Iran and at the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 2800067000 on the map of Khorramshahr.

12. On 10 January 1997, at 0900 hours, a number of Iraqi troops infiltrated into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and started reconnaissance activities at the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 1700095000 on the map of Nim-Eistgah-Navad, in no man's land, north and south of border pillars 7/8 and 7/9. They fled back into Iraqi territory after the response of the Iranian border police.

13. On 10 January 1997, at 1000 hours, the Iranian boundary police intercepted three Iraqi armed smugglers who had infiltrated into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the geographic coordinates of 38R QA 7100012000 on the map of Saeidia. As a result of the clash, one of the smugglers was killed and two others were injured and fled back into Iraqi territory.

14. On 10 January 1997, four Iraqi vehicles were observed moving at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4570097800 on the map of Khosravi, south of border pillar 51 and the Iraqi Chirzad sentry post, in no man's land.

15. On 11 January 1997, at 1000 hours, an Iraqi boat, carrying three individuals, crossed the thalweg line at the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 5900018000 on the map of Alishir river. They left the area after being warned by the Iranian border police.

16. On 12 January 1997, an Iraqi vehicle and a mechanical shovel were observed repairing a canal at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5560039500 on the map of Sumar, south of Miantang Dareh, opposite border pillars 40/5 and 41. They headed towards Mandali after completing their work.

17. On 12 January 1997, an Iraqi IFA vehicle left the area around the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 6400024000 on the map of Kani Sheikh, south of Lajma, Iraq and south-west of border pillar 39/2. It returned to its point of departure after stopping for two hours around the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 6800024000 on the map of Kani Sheikh, in no man's land, south of border pillar 39/1 and the Iranian Ghalalem sentry post.

18. On 12 January 1997, four Iraqi soldiers installed an air defence cannon at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 3900067200 on the map of Naft Shahr, around tank No. 35.

19. On 13 January 1997, at 1520 hours, five Iraqi soldiers were seen patrolling and carrying out reconnaissance activities on the Agh Dagh Heights, west of the Iraqi Mandaria sentry post, at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4100005100 on the map of Khosravi.

20. On 14 January 1997, at 0800 hours, a number of Iraqi troops were observed training at the geographic coordinates of 38S 3870007800 on the map of Khosravi, south of border pillar 53/4.

21. On 14 January 1997, at 1200 hours, an Iraqi vehicle, carrying five individuals, was observed entering the Iraqi Mandaria sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 42700005000 on the map of Khosravi, in no man's land, opposite Khosravi in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

22. On 14 January 1997, at 1245 hours, six Iraqi troops were observed gathering at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 3890007800 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/4.

23. On 14 January 1997, one Iraqi truck and two loaders were observed excavating at the geographic coordinates of 39R TQ 1600021000 on the map of Hosseinia, west of border pillar 7/26, in no man's land.

24. On 15 January 1997, seven Iraqi vehicles, each carrying three to five individuals, were observed moving on roads in the areas of Kani Sheikh, Mandaria, Ghasr-e-Shirin, Zeinol Khosh and Khosravi.

25. On 16 January 1997, at 0200 hours, a number of Iraqi boats were observed patrolling in the Arvand Rud, opposite the Khorramshahr customs office and Mino Island in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

26. On 16 January 1997, at 0230 hours, an Iraqi helicopter was seen over Om-Al Rassas Island in Iraqi territory in the vicinity of Khorramshahr.

27. On 16 January 1997, at 0850 hours, an Iraqi IFA vehicle, carrying five individuals, was observed entering the Iraqi Mandaria sentry post, at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4200005000 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/2, in no man's land.

28. On 17 January 1997, at 0800 hours, an Iraqi mechanical shovel was observed operating at the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 1350078600 on the map of Nim-Estgah-Navad, in no man's land and between border pillars 4/4, 5 and 5/1.

29. On 17 January 1997, at 0935 hours, two Iraqi soldiers were observed digging an embankment at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4290067200 on the map of Naft-Shahr, north of the Genneh Kabood border river, in no man's land.

30. On 18 January 1997, from 0900 to 1020 hours, 20 Iraqi troops, stationed at Iraqi Al-Meghdad sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4150010200 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillars 55, 55/1 and 55/2, in no man's land, were observed being trained.

31. On 18 January 1997, at 1200 hours, five Iraqi troops aboard a vehicle entered the Iraqi Mandaria sentry post and began mapping the Iraqi Mandaria customs office around the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4240005400 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/2, in no man's land.

32. On 18 January 1997, at 1200 hours, an Iraqi grader was observed repairing and levelling the area in the vicinity of the Mandaria customs office around the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4420004000 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/2, in no man's land.

33. On 19 January 1997, at 0920 hours, 30 fully equipped Iraqi troops aboard two vehicles were deployed around the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 41000060000 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/2, in no man's land.

34. On 19 January 1997, at 1320 hours, 10 Iraqi soldiers installed a flag at height No. 256 at the geographic coordinates of ND 4150009900, south of border pillars 55, 55/1 and 55/2, in no man's land around the Iraqi Al-Meghdad sentry post.

35. On 21 January 1997, at 1315 hours, Iraqi troops stationed at height No. 256 at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4410096000 on the map of Khosravi, south of border pillar 51 and the Iraqi Chirzad sentry post, installed an observation tower.

36. On 24 January 1997, at 1030 hours, an Iraqi crane was observed around the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5510035400 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 40/3.

37. On 24 January 1997, at 1120 hours, seven Iraqi Kurds, equipped with a mine detection device, were observed demining the area at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 5350025600 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin, west of Piroozkhan, in no man's land.

38. On 25 January 1997, at 0840 hours, five Iraqi troops from the Ain Al-Abd sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S PB 2200046000 on the map of Kooh-Toonel, south of border pillar 27/4, were observed inspecting the area.

39. On 26 January 1997, at 0900 hours, three armed Iraqi smugglers, aboard a boat, infiltrated into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 6000072000 on the map of the area south of Hoor Al-Hovaiza. As a result of a clash with the Iranian border police, one of the intruders was killed.

40. On 26 January 1997, at 1320 hours, six Iraqi officers visited the Iraqi Mandaria sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4200005000 on the map of Khosravi, north of border pillar 53/2, in no man's land.

41. On 27 January 1997, at 1410 hours, five Iraqi trucks and one loader were observed excavating around the geographic coordinates of 38R QC 5650067000 on the map of the area south of Hoor Al-Hovaiza, south of border pillars 14B and 14/A5.

42. On 28 January 1997, an Iraqi vehicle carrying seven individuals was observed moving from Khaneghein towards the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4000014000 on the map of Khosravi, north of border pillar 57 and south of the Iraqi Al-Hossein sentry post, in no man's land.

43. On 29 January 1997, at 1000 hours, two Iraqi officers visited the Iraqi Mandaria sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4200005000 on the map of Khosravi, north of border pillar 53/2, in no man's land.

44. On 29 January 1997, at 1030 hours, a number of Iraqi troops were seen observing the area around the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5700038000 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 40/5, in no man's land.

It would be highly appreciated if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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